

Powder Point Bridge

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NOTES ON THE BRIDGE

According to the late Henry Cragin Walker, who used to do a column for the Clipper, the long bridge that connects Powder Point with the beach was the gift of the Wright family of Duxbury. It cost \$14,000 and was built of southern pine. After repairs made on the bridge, scraps found on the beach made good fireplace fuel, burning with a steady flame and requiring no kindling other than an old newspaper. Write Mr. Walker:

"The bridge is about half a mile long and is a rendezvous for fishermen, some of them standing there all night. As usual there are more fishermen than fish, but a striped bass is sometimes caught and every few years a school of mackerel wander up the river and will snap at any bait that shines. The bridge formerly had a draw, but this was given

up years ago.

"Twenty-five years ago motor cars were allowed to park in double lines on the bridge, but this was finally prohibited because fires occurred from overheated exhausts. This used to happen several times a week.

"It would not be surprising if a fierce winter blizzard led by a huge tidal wave would sweep across the sand dunes and destroy the eastern end of the bridge. There was such a storm when the steamship PORTLAND was lost.

"After a severe storm in winter the bridge, battered by huge cakes of ice, resembles a roller coaster, or a gigantic snake.

"On a clear day the end of Provincetown may be seen from the bridge, and at night the lighthouse on the tip of the town."